



# Plant wildlife food plots

## What to do:

Plant small, inter-mingled plots of safflower, milo, corn, vetch, sunflower, sudan grass, and/or cereal grains in unused areas and do not harvest them. A quarter-acre plot can provide excellent wildlife benefits. Mow portions of the plot to make seed more available, if desired, as long as hunting does not occur on or near these areas. *With all species except doves, hunting on mowed crops that were not commercially harvested is considered baiting and is illegal.* When possible, locate food plots near a source of water.

## Regulatory agencies to contact: DFG, USFWS

## Benefits:

- Provides a long-lasting high-energy food source and winter cover for song birds, doves, upland game birds, pheasants, and waterfowl.

- Offers excellent mourning dove hunting (and income opportunities) if safflower or milo plots are mowed in Mid-August. Mow as low as possible to allow birds maximum access to seeds.

- Offers waterfowl hunting and income opportunities. By law, the vegetation must be left standing.

- Provides excellent wildlife viewing and income opportunities.

*This buckwheat plot (left) and the milo strip bordering a farm field (right) attract many wildlife species and do not interfere with farming operations.*

